

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE COUNSELOR

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To: SY - Mr. Nicholson
Subject: Gustav Hilger

Gustav Hilger is a German national, brought to this country a year ago by CIA. He has a lifetime record of service in the German Foreign Office, a large part of which was spent in Moscow. He is an extraordinarily intelligent man whose intimate knowledge of both German and Russian affairs can, and I feel sure should, be fully utilized by the Department. I have known Hilger for a good number of years myself, and have the greatest respect for his integrity and discretion.

This is to request SY clearance of Hilger for receiving and using documents classified through Confidential and, on a selective basis, certain Secret documents. Mainly through study of current files and publications in OIR, Hilger is being used by S/P and R on a consultative basis in the Department, during the current Korean crisis, his views being sought on the particular subject of Soviet plans and intentions.

It is my understanding that CIA has cleared Hilger for documents up to and including Secret classification. It is my understanding also that Hilger has been permitted use of the captured German Foreign Office documents, which are classified.

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

- (1) (A) Identity ☐
- (2) (B) Methods/Source ☒
- (3) (C) Foreign Relations ☐

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